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~~AMENDMENT TO H. R. 4939, AS REPORTED~~

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~~OFFERED BY MS. KAPTUR OF OHIO~~

AMENDMENT No. **26**

On page 84, after line 17, insert the following:

1 TITLE IV—ESTABLISHMENT OF A “TRUMAN”
 2 INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE TO PROTECT
 3 AGAINST WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE RE-
 4 LATED TO CONTRACTS FOR THE GLOBAL
 5 WAR ON TERRORISM AND HURRICANES
 6 KATRINA AND RITA REBUILDING EFFORTS

7 SEC. 401. There is hereby created a select committee
 8 on the model of the Truman Committee to investigate the
 9 awarding and carrying out of contracts to conduct military
 10 operations and relief and reconstruction activities related
 11 to the global war on terrorism (including all activities in
 12 Afghanistan and Iraq), and Hurricane Katrina recovery,
 13 relief, and reconstruction efforts (hereinafter referred to
 14 in this title as the “select committee”).

15 SEC. 402. (a) The select committee is to be composed
 16 of 19 Members of the House, one of whom shall be des-
 17 ignated as chairman from the majority party and one of
 18 whom shall be designated ranking member from the mi-
 19 nority party. The chairmen and ranking minority members



1 of the following committees will serve on the select com-
2 mittee:

3 (1) Committee on Armed Services.

4 (2) Committee on Government Reform.

5 (3) Committee on Homeland Security.

6 (4) Committee on International Relations.

7 The chairmen and ranking minority members of the
8 following subcommittees of the Committee on Appropria-
9 tions will serve on the select committee:

10 (1) Subcommittee on Defense.

11 (2) Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Ex-
12 port Financing, and Related Programs.

13 (3) Subcommittee on Homeland Security.

14 In addition, the Speaker shall appoint 5 members of
15 the select committee, of which 2 members shall be ap-
16 pointed upon the recommendation of the minority leader.
17 Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the select
18 committee shall be filled in the same manner in which the
19 original appointment was made.

20 (b) The select committee shall conduct an ongoing
21 study and investigation of the awarding and carrying out
22 of contracts by the Government for military operations
23 and relief and reconstruction activities related to the glob-
24 al war on terrorism (including all activities in Afghanistan
25 and Iraq), and Hurricane Katrina recovery, relief, and re-



1 construction efforts and make such recommendations to
2 the House as the select committee deems appropriate re-
3 garding the following matters:

4 (1) Bidding, contracting, and auditing stand-
5 ards in the issuance of Government contracts.

6 (2) Oversight procedures.

7 (3) Forms of payment and safeguards against
8 money laundering.

9 (4) accountability of contractors and Govern-
10 ment officials involved in procurement.

11 (5) Penalties for violations of law and abuses in
12 the awarding and carrying out of Government con-
13 tracts.

14 (6) Subcontracting under large, comprehensive
15 contracts.

16 (7) Inclusion and utilization of small busi-
17 nesses, through subcontracts or otherwise.

18 (8) Such other matters as the select committee
19 deems appropriate.

20 SEC. 403. (a) QUORUM.—One-third of the members
21 of the select committee shall constitute a quorum for the
22 transaction of business except for the reporting of the re-
23 sults of its study and investigation (with its recommenda-
24 tions) or the authorization of subpoenas, which shall re-
25 quire a majority of the committee to be actually present,



1 except that the select committee may designate a lesser
2 number, but not less than two, as a quorum for the pur-
3 pose of holding hearings to take testimony and receive evi-
4 dence.

5 (b) POWERS.—For the purpose of carrying out this
6 title, the select committee may sit and act during the
7 present Congress at any time and place within the United
8 States or elsewhere, whether the House is in session, has
9 recessed, or has adjourned and hold such hearings as it
10 considers necessary and to require, by subpoena or other-
11 wise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses, the
12 furnishing of information by interrogatory, and the pro-
13 duction of such books, records, correspondence, memo-
14 randa, papers, documents, and other things and informa-
15 tion of any kind as it deems necessary, including relevant
16 classified materials.

17 (c) ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS.—A subpoena may be
18 authorized and issued by the select committee in the con-
19 duct of any investigation or series of investigations or ac-
20 tivities, only when authorized by a majority of the mem-
21 bers voting, a majority being present. Authorized sub-
22 poenas shall be signed by the chairman or by any member
23 designated by the select committee, and may be served by
24 any person designated by the chairman or such member.
25 Subpoenas shall be issued under the seal of the House



1 and attested by the Clerk. The select committee may re-
2 quest investigations, reports, and other assistance from
3 any agency of the executive, legislative, and judicial
4 branches of the Government.

5 (d) MEETINGS.—The chairman, or in his absence a
6 member designated by the chairman, shall preside at all
7 meetings and hearings of the select committee. All meet-
8 ings and hearings of the select committee shall be con-
9 ducted in open session, unless a majority of members of
10 the select committee voting, there being in attendance the
11 requisite number required for the purpose of hearings to
12 take testimony, vote to close a meeting or hearing.

13 (e) APPLICABILITIES OF RULES OF THE HOUSE.—
14 The Rules of the House of Representatives applicable to
15 standing committees shall govern the select committee
16 where not inconsistent with this title.

17 (f) WRITTEN COMMITTEE RULES.—The select com-
18 mittee shall adopt additional written rules, which shall be
19 public, to govern its procedures, which shall not be incon-
20 sistent with this title or the Rules of the House of Rep-
21 resentatives.

